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USP Named a Finalist in 2009 Helios HR Apollo Awards for Superior Professional Development Programs

Rockville, Md., March 17, 2009 — In recognition of its commitment to employee growth through multi-faceted professional development programs, the U.S. Pharmacopeial (USP) Convention has been named as a finalist in the 2009 Helios HR Apollo Awards. USP is a private, non-profit public health organization that sets public standards to help assure the quality, safety and benefit of medicines and foods worldwide. The Apollo Awards, presented by Helios HR, recognize Washington-area organizations that promote employee development.

The awards honor organizations of all sizes that show marked success in developing an ongoing culture of employee support and development. This includes creating development opportunities for employees and providing resources for managers and employees to participate in a robust performance management program as well as the quantifiable impact of their employee development initiatives on the organization.

“We had a tremendous increase in nominations this year,” said Kathy Albarado, president & CEO of Helios HR. “This growth illustrates that even during these tough economic times companies remain dedicated to creating an environment where employees are given the opportunity to learn and develop. We congratulate all of the finalists on their achievement.”

“USP prides itself on creating a continuous learning atmosphere for staff, offering tremendous growth opportunities in areas of professional and personal interest to them,” said Laura Viehmyer, vice president of human resources for USP. “We are honored that Helios HR has chosen to acknowledge our dedication to professional development as a finalist for the 2009 Apollo Awards.”

In addition to comprehensive training programs in leadership and management, soft skills, ethics and compliance, and technical skills, USP supports professional memberships for all staff and offers generous tuition assistance benefits. USP reimburses up to \$10,000 annually for full-time employees to earn a degree up to a doctorate, funding up to \$5,250 for courses not directly related to the employee’s position. Employees are eligible after only six months of service to the organization.

Award finalists and winners will be recognized at a breakfast ceremony on June 5, 2009, from 7:30 am – 10:00 am at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church. Best practices in employee development will also be shared at the event. Program sponsors include: Jackson Lewis, The Potomac Companies, Foster, Soltoff & Love, Albo & Oblon, the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG), Market Connections, Hinge, CSI, SpeakerBox, the Washington chapter of the American Society of Training and Development (ASTD), NOVA SHRM, Dulles SHRM and Human Resource Association of the National Capital Area.

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A complete list of finalists and registration information is available at <http://www.helioshr.com/Apollo-Awards.php>.

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The United States Pharmacopeial (USP) Convention is a private, non-profit, standards-setting organization that advances public health through public standards and related programs that help assure the quality, safety, and benefit of medicines and foods. USP's standards are recognized and used worldwide. For more information about USP visit <http://www.usp.org/newscenter>. **FY0935**

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